


questioning about the timing of issuance of the Replacement Office Action. Over the next couple of months, these phone messages were not returned.

On or about December 18, 2006, the undersigned left a phone message with the supervisor referenced in the Office Action, Eduardo C. Robert, who promptly returned the phone call. Mr. Robert stated that Applicant should file a response to the June 30, 2006 Office Action, indicating what had happened. Shortly thereafter, Examiner Araj also returned the undersigned's phone message, and the undersigned stated that he would file this response.

The application, containing pending claims 21-40, is in condition for examination. Reconsideration and initial examination is respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2998.

Respectfully submitted,

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